

an opening for the spindle penetration;
at least one bracing element at a top or bottom end; and
two opposing bearing points adapted to accommodate the
support foot.

2. (Amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein
the bracing element is arranged within the inner sleeve.

3. (Amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein
the bracing element extends at least between the bearing points.

4. (Amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein
the component is a plate and the bracing element is a bracing rib.

5. (Amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein
the bracing rib has a curved shape and is located around the opening.

6. (Amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein
the plate has an edge section located outside of the bracing rib for
attachment of the inner sleeve.

7. (Amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein
the bearing points are arranged on the plate plane.

8. (Amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein
a circumferential bracing rib, which engages the inner sleeve in a forced fit,
is arranged on the top of the plate and forms a bottom part that constitutes
~~a cover at the bottom of the circumferential rib.~~

The following is a marked version of the pending claims with all the changes shown in conventional comparison.

1. (Amended) A supporting device for semi-trailers [with] comprising:

an outer sleeve; [and]

a spindle for a telescopic inner sleeve; and [at whose bottom end]

a foot receiving device for attaching a support foot [is mounted],
[characterized by] the foot receiving device connected to a bottom end of the inner sleeve, the foot-receiving device [(1)] comprising:

a component that [includes] occludes the inner sleeve [(8)],
[which possesses]

an opening [(3)] for the spindle [(11)] penetration[.];

at least one bracing element [(5, 5a, b, 6, 6a, b)] at [its] a top
or bottom end; and

two [(2)] opposing bearing points adapted to accommodate
[(4a, 4b) for accommodating] the support foot.

2. (Amended) The [A] supporting device [in accordance with]
according to Claim 1, [characterized by] wherein the bracing element [(5a,
b, 6a, b) being] is arranged within the inner sleeve [(8)].

3. (Amended) The [A] supporting device [in accordance with
either] according to Claim 1 [or Claim 2], [characterized by] wherein the
bracing element [(5, 5a, b, 6, 6a, b) extending] extends at least [to]
between the bearing points [(4a, b)].

4. (Amended) The [A] supporting device [in accordance with one
of the previous claims] according to Claim 1 [through 3], [characterized by]

wherein the component [being] is a plate [(2)] and the bracing element [being] is a bracing rib [(5a, b, 6a, b)].

5. (Amended) The [A] supporting device [in accordance with one of the previous claims] according to Claim 1 [through 4], [characterized by] wherein the bracing rib [(5a, b, 6a, b) having] has a curved shape and [being] is located around the opening [(3)].

6. (Amended) The [A] supporting device [in accordance with one of the previous claims] according to Claim 1 [through 5], [characterized by] wherein the plate [(2) possessing] has an edge section [(7)] located outside of the bracing rib [(5a, b, 6a, b)] for attachment of the inner sleeve [(8)].

7. (Amended) The [A] supporting device [in accordance with one of the previous claims] according to Claim 1 [through 6], [characterized by] wherein the bearing points [(4a, b) being] are arranged on the plate [(2)] plane.

8. (Amended) The [A] supporting device [in accordance with one of the previous claims] according to Claim 1 [through 7], [characterized by] wherein a circumferential bracing rib [(5)], which engages the inner sleeve [(8)] in a forced fit, [being] is arranged on the top of the plate [(2)] and [which] forms a bottom part [(13)] that constitutes a cover [(12)] at the bottom of the circumferential rib [(6)].